

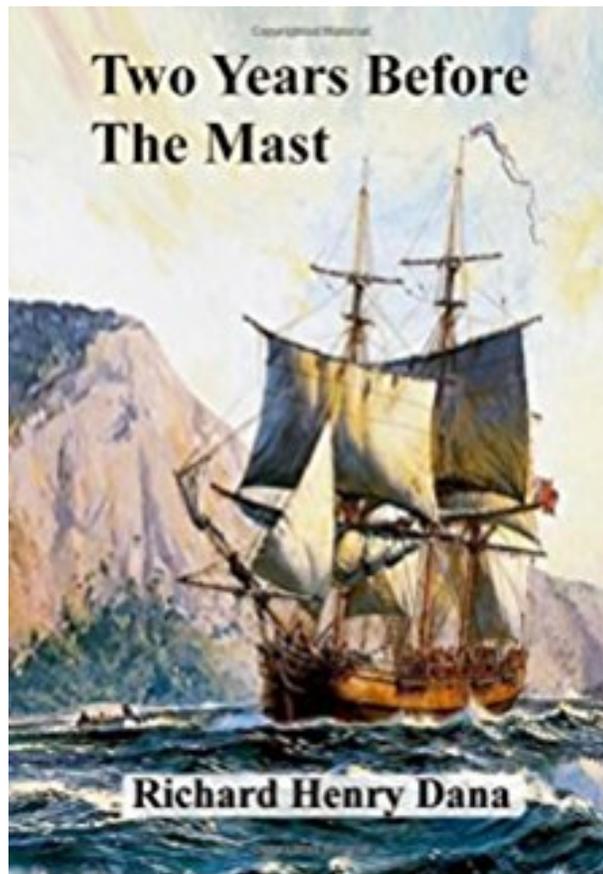
Oratory Academy of St. Philip Neri

SUMMER READING PROJECT

INCOMING 7th Graders

Two Years Before the Mast

By Richard Henry Dana



(Notice: There are FOUR PAGES to this document, so please scroll all the way down).

Hello! I am Ms. Saenz, your new Middle School teacher. I have gathered your summer reading assignment for you to complete. The first assignment is for the novel, *Two Years Before the Mast* by Richard Henry Dana. You will also need to get a three pronged folder to complete your summer reading project (please hole punch and place in folder when completed). They are very

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inexpensive and available at many local stores. This folder will be where you place your summer reading assignment. You may purchase the novel on *Amazon.com* or Barnes and Nobles.

First page- Cover page should include: Title of the novel and the author should appear prominently on the front of the page. (centered and in the middle of the cover page 20 font, Times New Roman.)

Second page-(upper left hand side of paper)- Heading should be in MLA format:

First name, Last name

Ms. Saenz

English

14 June 2017 (The number of day must go first followed by the month and year)

(IF YOU KNOW YOUR HANDWRITING ISN'T VERY LEGIBLE, YOU MUST TYPE OUT YOUR WORK. I WILL NOT GRADE IT IF I CANNOT READ IT.)

Third page- You will write a 50-65 word responses to each of the following statements. You will write what your first impression/idea is of each of the statements below:

1. Explain the paradox that physical labor can be exhilarating and exhausting. (**Note: A Paradox is a statement that appears to be self-contradictory or silly but may include a truth. It is sometimes used to describe/ show an opinion or statement conflicting with accepted traditional ideas.**)
2. Education can make a difference in the way a person views the world.
3. Being outdoors can be rejuvenating to the body and spirit.
4. Nature will always be more powerful than humankind.
5. The history of the American people's strong work ethic makes the United States a superior nation.

Fourth page- Identify and define 10 words or terms that were puzzling or unfamiliar to you. Give the word, page number, and definition for these words. Be sure the definition properly

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defines the word as it is used in your book. You must then use it in a sentence with proper term for credit. (Type this out on a document and print. Do not highlight and write in your novel.)

Fifth page- Short response-200 words. Please be mindful of your grammar/sentence structure, I will count off points if I see run-on sentences.

On page 29, Dana makes an allusion to Coleridge's poem about an albatross. Read The Rime of the Ancient Mariner and explain how it might symbolically connect with Dana's story of life at sea. (Allusion is a brief and indirect reference to a person, place, thing or idea of historical, cultural, literary or political significance. It does not describe in detail the person or thing to which it refers.) For example, lyrics to a song:

"Love Story"

Artist: Taylor Swift

Example of allusion

Lyric: "That you were Romeo, you were throwing pebbles/and my daddy said 'Stay away from Juliet'"

Explanation: The artist, Taylor Swift is merely giving the listeners an explanation on how their Star-Crossed love is forbidden just as Romeo and Juliet once were.

(You will be asked for give an oral presentation of your project in class. Summer reading project is due Wednesday, August 16, 2017 (The ONLY exception is for students who enrolled late) If you are an active student, you must submit by assigned due date (No exceptions).

In completing your summer reading assignment, please refer to the following websites that have been proven to be very helpful:

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/12/>

<http://grammar.about.com/od/c/g/citationterm.htm> (for information about in text citations or citing sources inside your document)